



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Strive, Believe, Achieve"

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Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 1 Week 6
9th March,
2017*

The term is moving along rapidly with the long weekend just around the corner. We have a lot of important work to do in the coming weeks, including refining the reporting process to ensure we are able to send out a progress report at the end of this term.

Yesterday we held a Community Action Network meeting at the school facilitated by the LLEN. These discussions are a great opportunity for those in the community to be part of the team that works together to deliver the best possible outcomes for students in Warracknabeal. One initiative we discussed was the 'Bridges out of Poverty' seminar that will run on the 23rd and 24th of March. Over 200 people have booked in for this session, with more than half of them from schools and organisations in Warracknabeal. Whilst there will be some disruption to the timetable so that we can send 14 of our staff, this has the potential to help us work more effectively with our most vulnerable members of the community.

It was appropriate that the CAN meeting was held yesterday on International Women's Day as we progressed in our role as lead school for the department's Respectful Relationships initiative. This program will support the work we are already doing at WSC and in Warracknabeal as a whole to make our community a safe place, free of violence, particularly domestic violence. Part of our role as a lead school is to work with the community, other schools in our local area and beyond, to organise and run professional development and community forums to inform and support sustainable change. If anyone is interested in being a part of the working group to champion these developments, please get in contact with me.

This week we said goodbye to Dyanne Denson as she has retired (for the second time). After retiring the first time, Dyanne came back to help us out to continue our textiles program and provide valuable experience to our workforce. We thank her for her contribution. Next week we will discuss with the Year 8 students what they would like to study as this is an opportunity to deliver a subject based on their interests.

Michael Briggs-Miller

Principal

Absence Hotline - 5398 1433 Or email

Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

Relay for life

We have solved the issue of the male supervisor but now the issue becomes transport. At this stage we will be relying on families to transport students to the event unless we can arrange drivers. If you would like to still participate in relay for life at Coughlin Park on March 17-18, you can refer to the Edmodo Bulletin, school Facebook page or the following link:

http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?team_id=52822&pg=team&fr_id=4211.

OES Camp.

This week students enjoyed the experience of both surfing and SCUBA diving – many for the first time! They observed a healthy sea environment with many varieties of fish and other sea creatures in the water. A BIG thank-you must go to former student Bridget Powell for volunteering to attend the trip.



Senior school study classes.

It's pleasing to see that there are many students attending extra classes provided by their teachers outside of class time. I thank the teachers for providing these extra opportunities outside of working hours and for the students for persevering to improve. I am excited to continue to see positive results due to productive working relationships being formed in and outside of class.

Rural Youth Ambassador Program

Any Year 11 student that is interested in becoming A Rural Youth Ambassador for 2017 needs to See Mrs Wardle or myself by the start of next week. See what you will do below if selected:

Each year the Rural Youth Ambassadors identify an education theme that provides the focus for a 12 month discussion. The exploration of one of the main ideas will include the development of strategies and initiatives to address this issue in rural and remote communities.

Four face to face forums take place in Melbourne over the course of the year. The last one being the final presentation at the CEP Annual meeting; presentation to senior education sector people; and the Minister for Education in March.

Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

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We are up to 809 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page make sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

First term is moving along quickly and we are focusing on building a positive culture across all year levels. In our Learning Pathways Class, students are setting SMART goals for their classes and learning about growth mindset. By the end of the term, students will have set academic and behaviour goals that they will be working towards for the remainder of the year.

We are also seeing some excellent work being developed in classes. Some examples include:

- Students learning to solder and creating circuits in Systems class
- Students learning about 2-point perspective in art and creating portfolios
- In science, students are creating safety posters around lab safety and equipment use
- Students learning about potential careers and exploring pathways for the future



In addition to the great work happening in classes, we have many extracurricular programs starting up in the Junior year levels to support students outside of school.

Hands On Learning is an in-school program where students are able to spend a day working with Mr. Greenwood on projects around the school. So far, students have helped with some gardening and putting in goal posts. Mr. Greenwood is also planning additional projects throughout the year and one opportunity students will have is to build a pizza oven for the school.

There is a new **Motorsport** program starting in collaboration with the Wimmera Off Street Racing Club. A small group of students will be attending some motorsport events in Stawell, Portland and Warracknabeal. This program is being implemented particularly for students who are disengaging from school and are interested in pursuing mechanics as a career.

We are continuing to focus on providing opportunities for students that meet their needs and interests. Our aim is to improve the positive culture among students so that students feel more connected to each other, the school and the community.

Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

'Bridges Out of Poverty'

Staff from several regional schools, including local schools, will be attending a valuable professional development program titled 'Bridges Out of Poverty' to be held at Warracknabeal Secondary College. This will cause some disruption to our school program with several of our staff attending.

Arrangements are -

Thursday 23rd March - Year 7 and 8 students will NOT be required at school (Years 9, 10, 11, 12 attend normal classes).

Friday 24th March - Years 9, 10, 11 will NOT be required at school (Years 7, 8 and 12 attend normal classes).

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.
- CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
- If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.
- The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or print and return the form located at the end of the newsletter.



School Production

It is with great excitement that I announce that for the first time in nearly **TEN** years WSC will be producing a stage play for all school students to participate in!

The chosen stage play for the school production will be announced at the next general assembly and auditions will commence at the end of Term 1.

This is an amazing opportunity for all students at WSC and I will have more information in coming weeks!

I would also like to encourage all students who think they might want to be a part of the school production to come along to Drama Club (Thursdays on the stage at Lunch). Drama Club is a fantastic opportunity for you to play drama games, act, express yourself and have **FUN!**

Hope to see you there!

Natalie Gordon

Drama Teacher & School Production Director.

VCAL News

Last week the VCAL students were involved with the introductory camp to Torquay/Geelong.

The camp is organised by the senior students, this year Chelsie King and Taneisha Cooper did a great job of organising and managing the camp within the given budget and other constraints. Students were responsible for tent groups, cooking, setting up, packing up, some navigation and learning to work as a team. The camp challenges the students to move out of their comfort zones and ticks off many of the personal development components of the VCAL course.

We participated in trampolining, indoor rock climbing, horse riding, fishing, ten pin bowling and a ghost tour of the old Geelong gaol.

Uniform – It has been fantastic to see students in their school uniform, keep up the great work.

Attendance and Lateness to school – There have been a number of students that have come late to school on multiple occasions. Students are warned that lack of attendance affects their results as many tasks that need to be completed in VCAL are 'hands on' and need to be sighted by the teacher or supervisor.

Projects – Lots of great projects are being organised and have started to happen. Please talk to your student about their progress and share their enthusiasm. They should aim to complete their first project by the end of term 1.

Books for class – some students are not bringing their writing book to the right classes. Again these need to be sighted/handed in, so that the student can be ticked off by their teacher as competent.

Work placement – The majority of students have organised their work placement and have either started or are about to start. Students that do not have work placement should see Nicole Stewart in the library for some ideas.

Thanks all

Lisa Sanders

VCAL co-ordinator

WELLBEING REPORT:

The last few weeks here at WSC have been all systems go. With a number of camps and programs kicking off for 2017 there has been a very positive buzz around the school and wider community.

I had the privilege of attending the Year 7 camp once again this year and had an amazing time doing all sorts of activities such as bush cooking, bouldering and many others. It was a great few days filled with learning, growing relationships and connecting with staff and students. It is great to see the amount of growth each student has made during the camp and also to see them all accomplish things that maybe they thought they couldn't. Another highlight of the camp of course is the year 10 buddies. They did an excellent job of stepping up as student leaders and really did a fantastic job assisting the staff members on the camp, and being great role models to the year 7s. Please enjoy some pictures that were taken at camp.

Thanks to all the parents and community members that help make our school a fantastic place to learn and grow for all our amazing students.



Kind regards.

Greg McKinnon

WSC Student Wellbeing Worker.

BLACK RANGES SWIMMING CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 2nd MARCH, 2017

The Black Ranges swimming carnival was the first interschool sporting event of 2017 for Warracknabeal Secondary College students. It was again held at Warracknabeal Memorial Swimming Pool and spectators were treated to some very good performances and close finishes. Students from eight colleges – Warracknabeal, Murtoa, Ararat, Marian, Stawell, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Horsham and St Brigids – compete, with only the first place-getters qualifying for the next level of competition; the Greater Western Region held in Ballarat on March 24.

Our team competed well to finish 4th overall, behind the bigger schools Marian College (1st), St Brigids (2nd), and Horsham College (3rd). The boys and girl's aggregates were also won by Marian College. Our girls and boys both finished fourth overall.

The WSC team had a great balance of young and old competitors, with some year 7 students experiencing their first taste of interschool sport at secondary college.

The first place getters and qualifiers for the next level of competition are:

William Drage – 15yo Boys 50m Breaststroke

Lily Eldridge - 14yo Girls 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly

Lily's 4 wins also earned her the Cath Perry medal, which is awarded to the best individual female swimmer on the day.

A special thanks to helpers: WSC staff and students, Warracknabeal Swimming Club, Kelly Ough, and the students of the Development and Improvement of School Sport Committee (DISSC).

Mr Shannon

Sports Coordinator



Careers Report

Job Opportunities

Horticulture (Arboriculture) Traineeship

As part of the Horsham Rural City Council's ongoing commitment to apprenticeships and traineeships, applications are invited for this position. We are seeking an enthusiastic, committed person who enjoys outdoor work.

The successful applicant will possess the following:

- Ability to work in a team environment
- A keen interest in tree maintenance and care
- Willing to learn to use machinery to access trees and perform pruning operations.
- Be physically fit
- Mature age applicants are encouraged to apply

Duties may include the following:

- Use machinery to access trees and perform pruning operations
- Shift materials safely using manual handling methods
- Inspect trees for access, to fell trees manually, trim and cut felled trees
- Operate a pole saw and use and maintain a chainsaw
- General tree maintenance and containment

Applicants should also demonstrate a strong commitment to succeed in this trade and have pride in work.

For further details, please contact Chris Perry on 0419 312 293.

TO APPLY: Written applications including a resume and cover letter to be forwarded to Chris Perry at Skillinvest, 15-17 Dimboola Road, Horsham 3400 or emailed to recruitment@skillinvest.com.au by 5pm Friday 17th March 2017.

Engineering (Mechanical) Apprenticeship

Skillinvest on behalf of O'Connor's in Horsham are seeking applications for a highly motivated person keen to kick start their career in the Engineering field. The successful applicant will undertake Certificate III Engineering - Mechanical Trade.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn while you work in a supportive environment with a well-established local employer.

Ideally the successful applicant will possess the following attributes:

- Sound engineering aptitude
- Ability to follow instructions and work in a team environment
- Initiative and responsible attitude
- Reliable and hardworking
- Eye for detail

For further details, please contact Kate Clark at Skillinvest on 0428 971 821

TO APPLY: Written applications including a resume and cover letter to be forwarded to recruitment@skillinvest.com.au by 5pm Friday 17th March 2017

Ritchies Supermarket Warracknabeal – Junior staff

Ritchies Supermarket are looking for junior staff to work after school and weekends.

To apply for a position please take your updated resume into Les Klemm, Manager at the Supermarket.

Do you want your Boat Licence?

A Boating Licence Course is being held in Warracknabeal or Horsham on Wednesday March 29th at 6pm.

Bookings are essential – Phone 0422 428 732

Marine Licence Training CAN 092478718

Work placement

The vast majority of VCAL/VET students requiring structured workplace learning (work placement) have secured work placements—great job! For those who are yet to secure a work placement, remember to keep your eye on the SWL Portal – www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au. Please see Mrs Stewart for extra support in gaining a placement.

VET

VET classes have been running smoothly for five weeks now with 35 WSC students enrolled throughout the various courses on offer in our Cluster. Keep up the good work!!

LEAP into...Engineering



UPCOMING EVENT

Students Apply

ADVANCED ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

This two day workshop gives you an opportunity to explore in depth different engineering disciplines. Each day begins with career presentations by engineers from the local community, giving real life insights into the engineering profession. Each day you will get to choose a different field of engineering.

A hands on activity with your fellow students will use teamwork and communication to address a problem by considering the issues, assessing the materials and designing the solution. By the end of the workshop you will get to build your product and put it to the test.

*This activity requires students to currently be undertaking VCE Maths Methods or Pre-Methods. Students also studying Specialist Maths and/or, Physics are particularly encouraged to apply.

Careers Curriculum Framework learning outcomes

Year 10: 4, 6

Year 11: 1, 2, 4, 7

Year 12: 3, 4, 6



Travel costs - Students can apply for funding to assist travel for this event.

DATE: 5 AND 6 April 2017

VENUE: La Trobe University - Bundoora campus

TIME: 9am - 4pm EACH DAY

TARGET: Years 10/11/12 students MAX NUMBERS: 40

Students, to apply online visit the LEAP website. Applications close 24th March 2017

<https://www.leap.vic.edu.au/activities/engineering/events/1091-advanced-engineering-workshop>

Further information:

adm-leap@monash.edu

Please note—limited places available

www.leap.vic.edu.au

LEAP (Learn, Experience, Access Professionals) 2017 is funded by Australian Catholic University (Vic.), La Trobe University, The University of Melbourne, Monash University and Victoria University, in collaboration with the Department of Education and Training, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, and Independent Schools Victoria.

A Victorian initiative, established in 2012 through the Commonwealth's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program.

Nicole Stewart

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning

Calendar of Events



March	13 th	Labour Day (No School)
	28 th	WSC Athletics
	31 st	Last day Term 1
April	20 th	Parent Teacher Interviews

Community Events

cultural diversity week
18-26th March 2017

What's On? HORSHAM EVENTS

Diversity Day: A Celebration of Cultural Diversity
Saturday 18th March | 1:30-5:30pm | Horsham Town Hall

Diversity Day will be a day of FREE entertainment and food, including:
Dance with Diversity Scarf Stories Taste of the World Buffet
Kids' Activities & Workshops Craft Market

All activities are FREE but tickets are limited. Please book your tickets at horshamtownhall.com.au or collect from Horsham Town Hall Box Office, HRCC Civic Centre, Horsham Visitor Information Centre & Horsham Library.

Taste of Harmony Shared Luncheon
Monday 20th March | 11:30-1:30pm
Bring a Plate to share. All welcome.
Orange is the theme of the day! No booking required.

Celebrating 30 years of Landcare & National Harmony Day with Bruce Pascoe
Tuesday 21st March 2017 | 5:50-8:35pm | Horsham Town Hall

A cultural experience inspired by the discovery of a traditional Aboriginal Earth Oven in the region and Bruce Pascoe's best-selling book, *Dark Emu*. The main presentation by Bruce Pascoe, will be followed by a Q&A session. Book your FREE tickets at horshamtownhall.com.au or collect them from Horsham Town Hall Box Office.

Migrant Hospital Tours | Horsham Hospital
Thursday 23rd March | 1-2pm (Reception)

A guided tour of the hospital with a chance for questions. Including ED, radiology, pathology, Allied Health, wards (incl. maternity) Wyuna. No booking required.

HIWA & GIP Diversity Friendship Lunch
Sunday 26th March | 11:30am-5pm | Grains Innovation Park (GIP)

Horsham Islamic Welfare Association (HIWA) and GIP Diversity Inc. are hosting a family-friendly Friendship Lunch to enhance friendship and harmony in our wider Wimmera community. All participants will enjoy a FREE Continental lunch and Mediterranean desserts at 12:30pm.
For reservations please contact Dr Mollah on: 0427 331 088
Mahabubur.Mollah@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Wimmera Health Care Group

Wimmera CMA

Horsham Rural City Council

VICTORIAN multicultural commission

cultural diversity week
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DIVERSITY DAY
Horsham Town Hall
Saturday 18th March 2017 | 1:30-5:30pm

A Celebration of Cultural Diversity in the Wimmera

Diversity Day will be a family-friendly day of free entertainment and food celebrating the cultural richness of the Wimmera. Diversity Day will include:

Scarf Stories: Why is the Hijab in the headlines?
Special guest, Dr Tooba Mollah, will be discussing the Hijab as an example of cultural expression. Dr Mollah pioneered wearing the Hijab in Horsham in 2007 and will be looking at the personal story behind the head scarf.

Dance with Diversity
This familiar favourite will showcase the cultural diversity of the region through dance. A collection of local dancers will be performing a variety of traditional dance routines alongside a professional dancer from Melbourne.

Activities & Workshops
Hours of creative fun will follow performances, with henna tattooing, 'scarf selfies', art activities, origami and more to amuse big and little people alike!

Craft Market
A unique variety of local produce and craft will be on sale from 3:30-5:30pm.

Taste of the World Buffet
A rare opportunity to sample a variety of authentic international cuisine will be served after the performance programme.

All activities are FREE but tickets are limited. Collect your tickets from Horsham Town Hall Box Office, HRCC Civic Centre, Horsham Visitor Information Centre & Horsham Library.
Tickets also available from: Dimboola, Edenhope, Goroke, Stawell, and Warracknabeal libraries.

Book your free tickets online at horshamtownhall.com.au

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Warrack Eagles Under 14's.

First training is Tuesday the 7th of March starting at 430pm. It will be on every Tuesday and Thursday from then until the season starts.

Hope to see all last years and all new players there.

If parents want any information please call Tim Bell on 0497549151, Aaron Watts on 0403508607 or Cam Penny on 0407859256.

